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March 2nd

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May 4th

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September 14th

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Presidential Ramblings SPRING 2026



By NE-AIPG President Kelly Weyer, CPG-11826

**Greetings NE-AIPG members and friends!
Spring Is Here—and So Is a Busy Season Ahead!**

As spring arrives, it brings with it a renewed sense of energy and momentum, and the Northeast Section is feeling it. With fresh opportunities ahead, we're excited to share a few highlights and look forward to an active year.

We've already been busy this year, starting with a successful webinar on February 11th presented by Martin Derby that brought members together to learn about Geohazard Identification, Monitoring and Mitigation of Critical Assets in the Appalachian Region. We extend a sincere thank you to Martin for taking the time to give this talk and to everyone who attended and helped make it such a great event. Based on the strong interest and engagement, we're planning to offer additional webinars in the months ahead and look forward to sharing more details soon.

For our annual spring meeting, we were excited to once again partner with the Hudson Mohawk Professional Geologists Association (HMPGA) for our Spring Meeting and Student Expo on April 15th. The event included an afternoon field trip, a student poster

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session, time for networking and socializing, dinner, and a technical presentation, with geothermal as the focus for both the field trip and the after-dinner technical talk. This event was geared toward bringing working professionals together with geology students and faculty in the region. These events are always a valuable opportunity to connect, share ideas, and strengthen our professional community, and we were happy to see many of you there. More information on this event is available on [pages 16-19](#) of this newsletter and on the <https://www.ne-aipg.org> website.

Another exciting announcement this season is of our 2025-2026 Angelo Tagliacozzo Memorial Geological Scholarship (ATMGS) recipients. In this 40th anniversary year of the ATMGS, we are proud to support and recognize these outstanding students and congratulate them on their achievements. It's always inspiring to see the next generation of geologists working toward their goals and future careers. The ATMGS award announcement can be found on [pages 20-22](#) in this newsletter.

Looking ahead, we are starting to think beyond spring and gathering ideas for our annual Fall Meeting, and we're excited about the possibilities. We are considering various locations within the eight-state region of the Northeast Section. If you have a location or idea that you'd like us to consider, please do not hesitate to send us an email at info@ne-aipg.org with your thoughts. We are also planning webinars throughout the year, if you have a topic that you'd like to present or want us to investigate, please reach out to us.

As we move through the year, we are seeking individuals interested in serving on the Executive Committee for a two-year term starting in January 2027. The officers (President, Vice-President (President-Elect), Treasurer, and Secretary) and three At-Large positions will be up for election. We're also looking for volunteers to chair and be members of the following committees: Screening Committee, Regulation and Legislation, Outreach, and Event Planning.

The work of these committees provides valuable opportunities and information for the NE-AIPG members. The Screening Committee is responsible for working with National AIPG to screen potential members and CPG applications from the NE Section. For the Regulation and Legislation Committee, it is ideal that we have a committee member from each of the eight states who can keep the ExCom and NE-AIPG membership up to date on the regulations and legislation that affect our profession across the Northeast Section. The Outreach Committee is responsible for generating ideas and outreach events and opportunities for students, the NE-AIPG membership, and the broader community. The Event Planning Committee is responsible for planning Spring and Fall Meetings, webinars, and any other events that we want to host for our NE-AIPG membership and beyond. If you're looking for a meaningful way to get involved and help guide the future of the organization, we encourage you to consider this opportunity.

Our next newsletter will be issued in September. If you have any interesting projects, take any geology related trips, or have announcements for the news of members section, the deadline to submit materials to the Editor is July 17th. We hope to hear from you and would be happy to share that you're up to!

Spring is a time of growth, and that spirit is very much reflected in all that's happening right now. Thank you for being part of AIPG and the Northeast Section. We look forward to seeing you at one of our events, and to a productive and engaging year ahead.



Wishing you a happy spring, and happy everything!
Kelly Weyer, NE-AIPG President



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Court Strikes Down NYS Freshwater Wetlands Regulations (Part 664)

From John Nadeau, P.G., NYSCPG

On April 8, 2026, the Albany County Supreme court issued a decision annulling the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's updated wetlands regulations (6NYCRR 664.) The regulations will not be enforced as adopted.

By way of background, these regulations stemmed from statutory language included in the 2022 state budget (Part QQ of Chapter 58 of the Laws of 2022). Prior to this amendment, only mapped wetlands were subject to State regulation. Following this change, "mapped and unmapped areas meeting the definition of a freshwater wetland . . . are regulated and subject to permit requirements." The ruling does not affect the 2022 law, but focused on the on the inadequate SEQRA review used to implement the regulations.

The case consolidated four related actions. The decision, written by Acting Supreme Court Justice Richard Platkin reviewed whether the Part 664 regulations were adopted in violation of the State's Administrative Procedure act, the body of law that specifies the process by which regulations must be promulgated. The case further reviewed whether the regulations violated the due process rights of landowners; whether the Part 664 regulations are arbitrary and capricious; whether Part 664 improperly delegates regulatory authority to private actors; and if the 2022 Amendments and Part 664 violate Home Rule principles.

Following a detailed examination of process by which DEC promulgated the regulations, the court identified fatal flaws in the process in which the regulations were promulgated. The case's seminal conclusion is stated thus:

"Having concluded that DEC did not adequately identify the relevant areas of environmental concern, did not take a "hard look" at them and did not make a reasoned elaboration of the basis for its determination of non-significance, the Court concludes that the subject action – the promulgation of the new Part 664 regulations – must be annulled for noncompliance with SEQRA"

More information on the ruling can be found at <https://iapps.courts.state.ny.us/nyscef/ViewDocument?docIndex=JeUznSoYH1Gz9KK0WghUgQ==>.

This decision did not invalidate the statutory underpinnings, and sets the stage for the regulatory process to begin anew. It is possible that the State appeals the Supreme Court ruling, which would stay this court's decision, and possible additional litigation. The NYSDEC could also issue an emergency rulemaking. NYSCPG will continue to monitor subsequent announcements regarding these regulations.

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NE-AIPG and HMPGA Spring Meeting & Student Expo APRIL 15, 2026!

By Kelly Weyer, CPG 11826, NE-AIPG

On Wednesday, April 15, 2026, the NE-AIPG and the HMPGA co-hosted our fourth joint annual Spring Meeting and Student Expo, bringing together geology students, faculty, and professionals, as students begin their job search and career planning.

The event provided an opportunity for students and faculty from regional geology departments to connect with professionals in the geological community for a day focused on geothermal systems, networking, and discussion of current events and opportunities in the profession.

The event began with an afternoon field trip and was followed by the evening event at Philly Bar and Lounge in Latham, NY, which included a student poster session, professional networking and socializing, dinner, and a technical talk and demonstration. Geothermal was the focus of the field trip and the after-dinner talk, and PDHs were offered for both the trip and the talk.

The afternoon field trip to learn about the Steamboat Square geothermal system in Albany, NY, titled “Steamboat Square – Phases 1 & 2 Ground Source Heat Pump Installation for Affordable Housing” was led by John Ciavacco of Aztech Geothermal. John led us on a tour of the active geothermal system in the basement of the building, before discussing the project history, the hydrogeology and thermal conductivity testing, the geothermal heat exchanger design and installation, the performance monitoring, and the permitting and regulations involved in the project. After the presentation, John invited participants to observe an active installation operation at another building within the complex.

The after-dinner technical talk and demonstration titled “Hydrogeophysical Tools and Data for Geothermal Resource Mapping and Site Characterization” was presented by John Williams of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) New York Water Science Center, and was focused on the New York State Energy Research and Development

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Authority (NYSERDA) and USGS geothermal project for compiling, collecting, and analyzing hydrogeologic data to inform geothermal development in New York. The talk included a description of the project, discussed the sources and data types being compiled, and analyzed and described the hydrogeophysical tools and data for geothermal resource mapping and site characterization. The talk concluded with a demonstration of geophysical tools and the specially designed field vehicle.

Thank you to John Ciavacco and John Williams for taking the time to participate in this event and to everyone who attended.

Thank you to the students who presented posters and the academic faculty who attended and supported and encouraged their students to attend and participate.

Thank you to our sponsors ALS-USA Environmental, C.T. Male, NYSCPG, and Posillico for supporting the event, and to everyone who helped advertise and support the NE-AIPG/HMPGA Spring Meeting and Student Expo.

For post-event follow-up questions, or information about future sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities, please contact us at info@ne-aipg.org.

For more information and updates on upcoming events, visit the NE-AIPG website at <https://ne-aipg.org> and the HMPGA website at <https://hmpga.wildapricot.org/>



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to
Steamboat
Square,
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led by John
Ciavacco of
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Field Trip to Steamboat Square, Albany, New York, led by John Ciavacco of Aztech Geothermal



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**Angelo Tagliacozzo
Memorial Geological
Scholarship
2025-2026**

By Kelly Weyer, CPG-11826
Scholarship Chairperson

**Announcing the 2025-2026 40th Annual
Angelo Tagliacozzo Memorial
Geological Scholarship (ATMGS) Awards**

The results are in! The ATMGS Board of Trustees and NE-AIPG's Executive Committee (ExCom) reviewed the ATMGS Committee's recommendations and confirmed the 2025-2026 awards in the March ExCom meeting. We congratulate this year's award winners and thank all students who took the time and effort to apply. We encourage students who did not receive an award this year and who are still eligible to apply in the fall for the 2026-2027 awards.

We are pleased to recognize the selected 2025-2026 ATMGS award recipients listed below.

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\$1,500	Lora Johnson	Brown University; Providence, Rhode Island
\$1,000	Kayleigh A Nagle	Salem State, Saugus MA

To qualify for the ATMGS, applicants must be junior or senior undergraduate students pursuing a degree in geological sciences at a college or university within the eight-state NE-AIPG region. Evaluation criteria include financial need, academic performance,

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career goals, achievements (e.g., awards, projects, publications, senior thesis, etc.), and a faculty recommendation letter, with financial need and academic qualifications weighed the heaviest.

The 2025-2026 applications came from eleven different colleges and universities located within five of the eight states that make-up the NE-AIPG. All applicants demonstrated excellent academic qualifications and real financial needs. Many applicants reported active involvement in research projects, which is so important in the geosciences, but requires additional funding beyond tuition for aspects such as fieldwork, laboratory analysis, and conference participation.

The 2025-2026 ATMGS Committee was comprised of five NE-AIPG Members who reviewed the applications between December 2025 and February 2026. The committee chair consolidated individual committee evaluations into a single composite evaluation for discussion in an ATMGS Committee meeting, resulting in recommended award levels and recipients.

The ATMGS Committee presented recommendations to the ExCom and ATMGS Board of Trustees (BOT) in the March ExCom meeting. After considering the applicant qualifications, the ATMGS Perpetual Trust Fund performance, and the NE-AIPG's current financial status, a vote confirmed the final awards. While decisions were challenging, they followed a long-standing evaluation process designed to ensure fairness within available funding.

The ATMGS BOT and the NE-AIPG ExCom approved an award pool of \$17,000 for the eight selected recipients. The name of each recipient, the college or university they attend, and the award amounts are presented in this announcement and are posted on NE-AIPG's website. The NE-AIPG notified all applicants of the outcome and has distributed awards by check with a formal letter of recognition. Each applicant who did not receive an award received an email and acknowledgement letter notifying them of the results and thanking them for their interest in our scholarship program. As stated earlier, we encourage students who remain eligible in the fall to apply for the 2026-2027 ATMGS awards.

Sincere thanks are extended to each member of the ATMGS Committee for their time and effort in carefully evaluating each application, as well as the former ATMGS Committee Members

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and former Committee Chair, Dennis McGrath, for developing the evaluation framework that provides fair and meaningful results to aid in the final decisions. Appreciation is also extended to the faculty and students for their interest and involvement in the scholarship program, and to everyone who has and continues to donate to the ATMGS Perpetual Trust Fund. This ATMGS announcement can stand as a reminder to consider donating to the ATMGS Perpetual Trust Fund, so that we can continue to make impactful awards to students for years to come.

The 2026-2027 ATMGS Application will be open from September through December 2026, and awards will be made in Spring 2027. Watch your emails and <https://ne-aipg.org> for future announcements and updates.



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Anyone may provide written, descriptive nominations of candidates (and of their contributions to NE/AIPG) for the Slayback Award, by *CONFIDENTIALLY submitting the nomination in writing to any one of the previous recipients* (Dick Young, Dennis McGrath, Dan St. Germain, Tom West, Curt Kraemer, Bob Blauvelt, and Jeff Frederick).

The concept of the Russell G. Slayback Award is to provide: "Honor and Recognition of Exemplary Service, Above and Beyond, To the Northeast Section of AIPG." Thus, the Slayback Award is intended to be presented on those rare occasions when truly landmark, exemplary service has been given to the Northeast Section of AIPG for a protracted period of time by an AIPG Certified Professional Geologist who is a Member of the Northeast Section. "On those rare occasions" is the operative phrase, as the Slayback Award was never intended to be "presented annually."

Selection of Awardees is made by the previous recipients, in confidential discussions with the NE/AIPG Section President. Individual Members of the ExCom may be consulted for their input on a confidential basis. Confidentiality, to maintain the element of surprise in honoring the Recipient(s) and his/her/their long service, is a cornerstone concept of the Slayback Award.

Additionally, given that Russ was committed to helping/mentoring young Geologists and was a long-time, devoted proponent of the Northeast Section's Angelo Tagliacozzo Memorial Geological Scholarship Trust Fund, Donations In Memory and Honor of Russ Slayback may be made to the NE/AIPG Geological Scholarship Perpetual Trust Fund and should be written to: Angelo Tagliacozzo Memorial Geological Scholarship Trust Fund, and mailed to: NE/AIPG Geological Scholarship Trust Fund, c/o Scott Hulseapple, 679 Plank Rd, Clifton Park, NY 12065

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For further information, contact Kelly Weyer: neaipg.atscholarship2@gmail.com

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NYSCPG NEWS

By John Nadeau (CPG-11181), Executive Director

NYSCPG would like to start this edition's article with a simple thank you to NE-AIPG for the years of continued collaboration and support. I have been submitting update articles intermittently over the last fifteen years, and I appreciate the willingness to share information. The geology community, and the professional geology subset, is relatively small compared to other professions and the more that all of our groups work together, the more future geologists will succeed.

NYSCPG is adjusting the format for Geology Rocks this year and joining forces with the NYC Brownfield Partnership at their 17th Annual NYC Big Apple Brownfield Awards. Please join us on June 10th at the Racket NYC venue at 431 West 16th Street in New York City for an exciting evening. The event will start with drinks and light fare, followed by the awards ceremony, and the evening will be capped with the music that has made Geology Rocks. More information on sponsorships and ticket sales is available on the NYSCPG website at www.nyscp.com/geology-rocks-2026. We look forward to seeing you there!

NYSCPG is pleased to announce that Geology Days is scheduled for November 11-13, 2026. The event will once again be hosted at the Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs. Please see the [Call for Abstracts](#) for information about submitting abstracts before April 10th. More information regarding the event will be available over the next couple of months on NYSCPG's website (<https://www.nyscp.com/geology-days-2026>).

NYSCPG is hosting three webinars in April and May, with the intent on continuing to provide value to membership and young professionals. The first webinar, held on April 8th at noon, featured a joint NYSED/NYSCPG ethics presentation. This course fulfills the ethics requirement that all Professional Geologists must complete once per triennial registration period. If you were unable to attend the presentation at Geology Days 2025, this was an excellent opportunity to complete this important requirement. The cost of this presentation was \$10 for NYSCPG members and \$15 for non-members.

The second noontime webinar on the NYS Application Process was held on Wednesday, April 15th, presented by Eric Greppo, PE and members of the State Board for Engineering, Land Surveying & Geology. The course discussed the communication, organization, and expression of experience on the licensure application. The course reviews the current regulatory requirements, forms, and submission processes necessary for successful application. This free webinar did not offer PDH credit, but the course was recommended for both applicants and supervisors assisting junior staff with the application process. Information is available [here](#).

The final webinar was held at noon on May 6th and co-hosted again with NYSED and provided an overview of the NYS Licensure process for university students. This webinar also introduced students to the many roles geologists play in the geoscience and engineering fields and highlighted the importance of professional licensure in New York State.

Midwest Geoscience hosted two courses at Vassar College and graciously let NYSCPG co-host the event May 13, 2026. The one-day course *Improving Soil Boring Logs and Rock Core Logs* followed by the two-day course *Contaminant Fate and Transport* in

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Fractured Rock from May 14-15, 2026.

NYSCPG introduced a new website on March 3rd. An article providing some details on the news site can be found within this newsletter on [page 32](#). The site will allow some improvements to event registrations and the members only sections. As we move forward, we will look at ways to add more items to the members' section. The site will now allow for multi-year membership and auto-renewals. Please feel free to reach to myself or support@nyscpg.com if you have any questions or issues regarding the new site.

The 2026 Legislative session began in early February and NYSCPG's Lobbyist Campbell Wallace and the Legislative Committee continue to monitor numerous bills. These include the 12-year ladder bill ([A05622/S06482](#)) which passed the Senate on March 16th and was laid aside in the Assembly on February 24th. NYSCPG is working to have the bill placed on a calendar in the Assembly in the near future.

The grandfather geology bill ([A2571/S620](#)), passed the Senate on February 5th of this year. Campbell has been meeting with Assembly stakeholders to get the bill on the Higher Education Committee calendar.

Campbell and I met with Senator Fahy's office in February, and we are expecting a bill to be introduced in the near future to define the State Geological Survey in state law. We will be working to identify an Assembly sponsor for the bill. More information will be provided once the bill is active in the Legislature.

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) issued a Pre-Proposal Draft Express Terms for Future Mined Land Reclamation Rule Making for the 6 NYCRR 420 Series: Mined Land Reclamation and 6 NYCRR Part 481: Program Fees. The proposed changes to the section can be found at <https://dec.ny.gov/regulatory/regulations/proposed-emergency-and-recently-adopted-regulations/mineral-resources#mlreg> and the site includes a series of questions for stakeholders to respond to as appropriate. There were two public information webinars on April 14 and April 15 to provide an overview of the proposed changes. Any comments on these proposals were submitted to the DEC prior to May 17, 2026. NYSCPG reviewed the documents and prepared responses based on the Board's review.

As always, please reach out to me with any questions or comments via email at jnadeau@nyscpg.com or by phone at 518-579-6580.

Regards,



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Please Verify Your Info in the 2026 Northeast Section AIPG Directory of Members!

The 2026 Northeast Section AIPG Directory of Members (DOM) was published on 5/7/26. Members' information in the 2026 DOM was based on information from the AIPG National database, effective February 15, 2026. The NE Section does not maintain its own separate database.

The DOM Editor and Publisher heartily encourage each Member to review (and modify, if appropriate) their personal information in the AIPG National database. To do this, simply:

1. Go to the AIPG National website and log in;
2. Locate the slightly different color box with the heading of "My Profile";
3. Click on the "Manage Profile" subheading;
4. Edit any of your personal information; and
5. At the very bottom of the page, click on "Save Changes".

Your AIPG National database information will have been updated. If you do this before February 1, 2027, your current information will be included in the 2027 NE-AIPG DOM.

ALSO – MEMBERS OF THE SAME COMPANY SHOULD GET TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE THEY USE THE EXACT SAME SPELLING AND NOMENCLATURE FOR COMPANY NAME. Every character and every space in a name makes a difference. In the 2025 NE-AIPG DOM, two members working for the same company were listed in two separate companies – the only difference in the company names was a simple “,” (yes, that’s a comma) – everything else was identical. When Members in the same company report company names that are similar, but not the same, those Members are listed as if they were in separate companies. Thank you for your good help on this!

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NYSCPG UPDATE

By Matthew Pugliano, NYSCPG Support

The NYSCPG has launched a new website platform that is still accessible at NYSCPG.com. The previous platform served us well for over ten years, but the Board felt it was time for an upgrade. Our goal is to provide better access to information for current members, potential members, and future professionals.

The new platform allows updated renewal options that include multi-year membership periods, optional automatic renewal, and a renewal date based on your initial membership date rather than the calendar. The multi-year membership of either a three-year or five-year option will come with a discounted Full Member rate of \$125 per year and \$100 per year, respectively, versus the \$150 annual rate. Selecting automatic renewal will allow the site to bill the card on file at the time of renewal, and members will get a reminder that allows you to opt out prior to the charges. These options are available when filling out the member application and annual renewal form, or you can reach out to us at support@nyscp.com to update your current membership at any time.

The platform provides updated, robust forms, allowing more flexibility and options as we roll into Geology Days registration. These changes allow us to provide additional information and make registration more accessible compared to the previous platform. We have also made previous NYSCPG Newsletters and Legislative Updates available for Members to give context on how we have arrived where we are today, over 30 years after the council was initially created. We encourage members to take a look, but to also recognize that these articles have been added for historical purposes and may contain disconnected or potentially incorrect links or contact information.

Any renewals or event registrations that we received through February 28th were migrated to the new platform. Please contact support@nyscp.com if you do not see a registration attached to your profile that you had completed on the previous site and we can investigate. **If you had an account on our previous platform, we strongly recommend reviewing and updating your new profile to keep your information current.** Please take the time to explore the new changes that have been made to the site.

NYSCPG understands that the transition to the new site may take some getting used to for some members. We have provided a few help guides to navigate the new site. These can be found at the bottom of your profile page that is displayed upon login. We do want to point that the new provider uses the term Prospect for what our old site would call a Contact. This title is similar to our Prospector member category at first glance, and we have a couple of questions regarding this already. The Prospect category is a non-member and does not give you all of the member privileges.

We welcome you to provide any feedback or questions you may have to support@nyscp.com, and we will do our best to improve your experience.

Thank you for your patience and support, and we look forward to what this new platform can provide for you.

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Evening Event – NE-AIPG Table, Student Poster Session, Presentation & Demonstration by John Williams of the USGS NY Water Science Center



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Kelly Weyer*	Nicholas Legere*	Lou Russo*	Mitchell Ward*
Jennifer Rhee*	Trevor Gowan*	Martin Derby*	Scott Hulseapple*
Jim Ridenour*	Stacy Stieber*	Dick Young	
*Voting ExCom Members (quorum is 6/10) President-Elect 2025/2026 position needs to be filled			

Called to order at 4:04 pm

Welcome Statements and Announcements

- ◆ Discussions/Suggestions
 - ◇ Volunteers needed for AIPG Booth at 2026 Northeastern GSA Meeting in Hartford, CT
 - ◆ March 22nd-24th
 - ◆ Aaron Johnson will be there and is looking for someone to join him.
 - ◆ National is sending an email looking for volunteers to all AIPG members.
 - ◆ Kelly Weyer briefly mentioned the thrust of the agenda, and then transitioned to the committee reports

Secretary's Report (Minutes):

- ◆ Secretary's Comments
 - ◇ Draft December 2025 Executive Committee meeting minutes distributed on 12/16/25. No comments received. Mitch to revise the title block to indicate FINAL minutes. Scott Hulseapple made a motion to approve the Draft December 2025 Executive Committee meeting minutes as final. Trevor Gowan seconded the motion. Vote to approve Final December 2025 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes passed.
 - ◇ Revised October 2025 Executive Committee meeting minutes distributed on 12/16/25. No comments received. Jim Ridenour made a motion to approve the Revised October 2025 Executive Committee meeting minutes as final. Martin Derby seconded the motion. Vote to approve Final October 2025 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes passed.

Treasurer's Report

- ◆ Treasurer's Comments
 - ◇ Section and Angelo Fund financial reports.
 - ◆ The 2025 annual report for the NE AIPG Section fund shows a net positive for expected 2025 budget.
 - ◆ The Angelo fund value has continued to increase.
 - ◇ Budget Discussion.
 - ◆ Proposed 2026 Section Fund budget presented. Leaves about \$5,000 to contribute to 2026 scholarships.
 - ◆ Angelo fund. Based on standard percentage withdrawn from Vanguard fund and the Section fund contribution, it's expected that \$16,000 can be contributed to 2026 scholarship awards.
 - ◆ Stacy Stieber made a motion to approve the proposed 2026 budgets for the NE Section and Angelo Fund. Martin Derby seconded the motion. Vote passed to approve the 2026 budget passed.

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Reports from Committees

◆ *Nominations*

- ◇ Identify a VP/President-Elect to finish the 2025/2026 term and move into President for 2027/2028.
- ◇ Other officer positions may open at end of terms in 2026.
- ◇ NE AIPG Executive Committee members need to be NE AIPG members, but do not need to be CPGs.
 - ◆ Attempt to make nominations by July-September 2026.

◆ *Angelo Tagliacozzo Memorial Geological Scholarship (ATMGS)*

- ◇ Update on the 2025/2026 ATMGS process.
- ◇ Reviews are ongoing and are intended to be completed in February. There are 6 reviewers of applications this year.

◆ *Publications*

- ◇ Winter (February) Newsletter content to editor by January 5, to be published first week of February.
- ◇ Draft by January 16th, for the final distributed February 2nd.
- ◇ Ongoing items – Keep website access to newsletters up to date and continue uploading newsletters to ISSUU for additional archiving.

◆ *Meetings/Webinars/Events Committee*

- ◇ 2026 Executive Committee Meeting Schedule. 4pm to 530pm
 - ◆ Executive Committee Meeting Monday January 5 (rescheduled for January 12)
 - ◆ Executive Committee Meeting Monday March 2

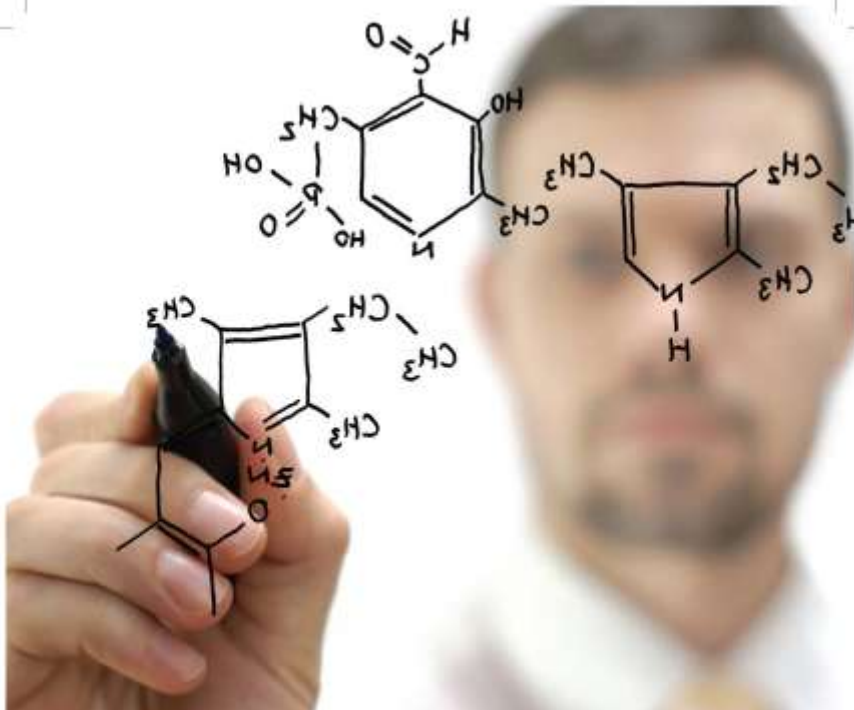
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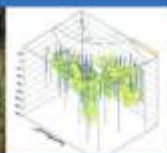
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On the Northeast Section's website, you can also find archived Newsletters, links to AIPG's job board and mentoring program, and information on the Angelo Tagliacozzo Memorial Geological Scholarship (ATMGS) and on Advertising in our Newsletters. Please check the website regularly, and watch your emails for updates!

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11th Annual Salt Summit Reflects Growing Statewide Urgency on Road Salt Impacts to Drinking Water and the Environment



Lake George, NY (2/20/2026) – After a decade of advancing science-based solutions in the Lake George watershed and the Adirondack Park, the Lake George Association (LGA) and Lake George Waterkeeper are shifting its annual Adirondack Champlain Regional Salt Summit into the New York State Salt Summit, relocating to the Albany region to strengthen statewide collaboration and engagement with policymakers, state agencies, municipal leaders, businesses and communities across New York.

Since its inception, the Salt Summit has served as a trusted forum for winter road maintenance professionals, scientists and public officials to share data and practical strategies that protect water quality while maintaining winter road safety. Now entering its 11th year, the New York State Salt Summit will take place on October 8, 2026, in the Albany region. By convening leaders close to the State Capital, the Summit will strengthen alignment between science, municipal implementation and state-level

policy. The event will remain free to attend and focus on practical, real-world solutions and private-public sector collaboration.



On the left:
A recently published scientific report, led by Dr. Jim Sutherland and including Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky, PE, highlights how road salt continues to impact the Lake George watershed over time, even years after application.

The findings underscore what we've long known: protecting freshwater requires both science and consistent action.

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Each winter, millions of tons of road salt are applied across New York to keep roads safe. While essential for public safety, excess road salt is increasingly threatening freshwater ecosystems, drinking water supplies and infrastructure statewide. A study by the Paul Smith's College Adirondack Watershed Institute found that 63% of private wells examined within the Adirondack Park downslope of state roads exceeded the U.S. EPA and NYS Department of Health sodium guidance value for drinking water, and nearly 70% contained highly corrosive water. In the Hudson Valley, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection recently reported that salinity levels in the Croton System reservoirs – one of the city's primary water sources – have tripled over the past 30 years due in part to road salt runoff and could become undrinkable by 2108.

Long-term research conducted by the Lake George Association and the Jefferson Project has shown that chloride levels in Lake George – a Class-AA water body – tripled over 40 years, largely due to road salt overuse. Elevated salinity increases corrosion of infrastructure and long-term maintenance costs and could lead to Harmful Algal Blooms in freshwater ecosystems and public drinking water sources. At the same time, Lake George has demonstrated progress. Through the implementation of the Sustainable Winter Management Program (SWiM®), developed in partnership with WIT Advisers, some municipalities in the Lake George watershed have reduced salt use by up to 50% while maintaining road safety standards. As a result, chloride levels in Lake George have begun to show signs of stabilization.

"The science is clear and so is progress," said LGA President and CEO Dr. Brendan Wiltse. "Over the past ten years, we've demonstrated that measurable reductions in road salt use are possible without compromising road safety. Expanding the Summit to a statewide convening allows us to accelerate these proven results across New York and protect drinking water for communities far beyond our watershed."

For more information and to stay updated about this event, visit: <https://lakegeorgeassociation.org/news-events/events/newyorkstate-salt-summit>.



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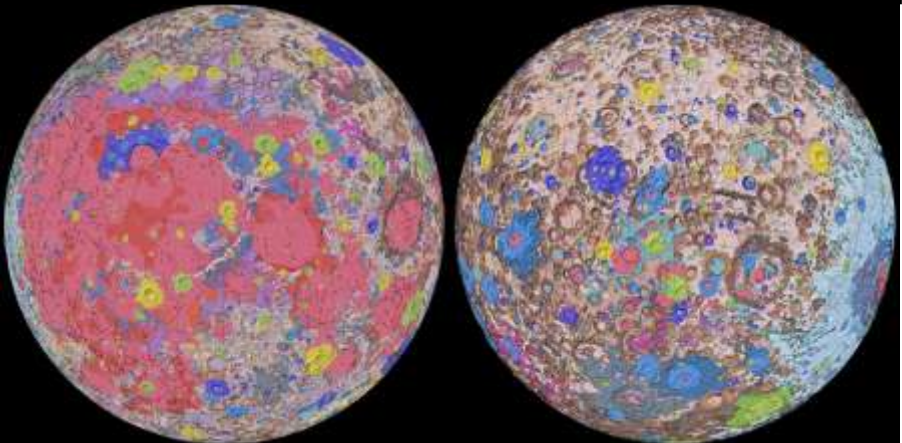
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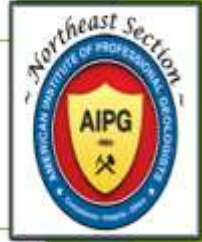
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- ◆ Spring Meeting Wednesday April 15
- ◆ Executive Committee Meeting Monday May 4
- ◆ Executive Committee Meeting Monday July 6 (Monday after 4th of July weekend)
- ◆ Executive Committee Meeting Monday September 14 (9/7: Labor Day is 1st Monday)
- ◆ Executive Committee Meeting Monday October 5
- ◆ Fall Meeting early October
- ◆ Executive Committee Meeting Monday December 7
- ◇ PDH Webinar
 - ◆ Updates for spring (January, February, March). Need speakers and dates.
 - ◆ Martin Derby is available during the week of February 9th to give a presentation. The presentation has previously been approved for PDHs (not for NE AIPG), but we will need to submit a request for PDH approval from NE AIPG. NYS council typically takes 1-2 days to review, although they request 10 days. Advertise a zoom presentation time on February 11th from 12-1 pm. Dick Young will add information to the newsletter.
 - ◆ Continue with Spring 2025 Costs for member/non-member w/PDH \$25/\$40, no PDH \$20/\$35.
- ◇ Spring Meeting with HMPGA on Wednesday, April 15th.
 - ◆ Plans are in the works. Student/Professional focused.
 - ◆ Developing a geothermal presentation and a field trip.
- ◇ Fall Meeting in October – start gathering ideas and setting plans.
- ◆ Student/Professional outreach/mentoring, Student Chapters
 - ◇ Open discussion.
 - ◆ Kelly Weyer shared a list of schools that were previously active to the Executive Committee members.
 - ◆ Syracuse University’s interest in a visit was mentioned in the July Executive Committee meeting.
 - ◆ Dormant Student Chapters listed on AIPG website – need to update or remove information.
 - ◇ City University of New York at Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York, Founded in 2018; Chapter Sponsor: Jennifer Rhee (nee Becker), MEM; Faculty Sponsor: Matthew Grab
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- ◆ No new correspondence reported other than fund statement.

Old and New Business (and Ongoing Items)

- ◆ Kelly updated the website.
- ◆ No new business reported.

Closing Statements and Final Thoughts

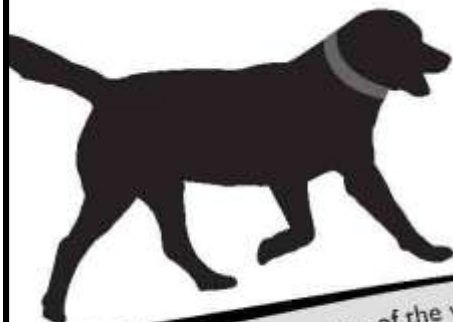
- ◆ Next Executive Committee meeting – Monday, March 2, 2026, 4-5:30pm, Zoom.

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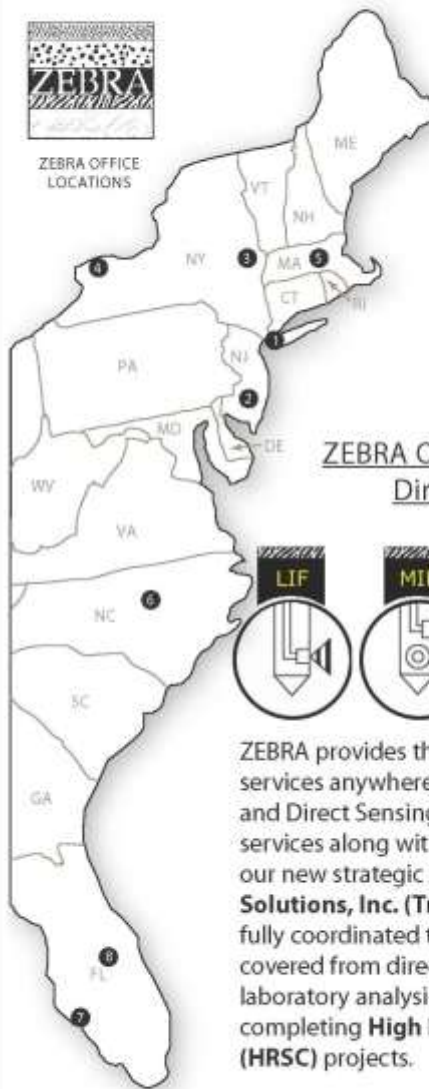
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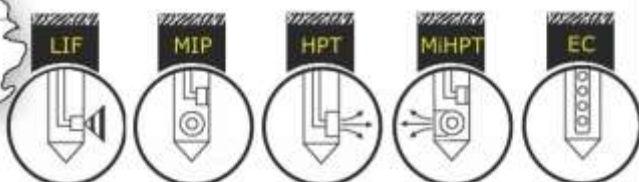
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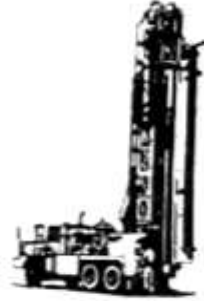
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Dr. Slater covered a wide variety of geophysical topics: resistivity, terrain conductivity, ground penetrating radar and others discussing the underlying theory for each and providing several practical real-world case studies for specific methods. A key theme throughout the course was understanding the limitations of each method and to work closely with the geophysical subcontractor to ensure a successful survey. During the coffee and lunch breaks participants were able to network and interact with the course sponsors: Hager-Richter Geoscience, Diversified Geophysics, and EAI of Jersey City, New Jersey an environmental contractor.

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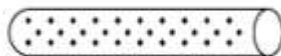
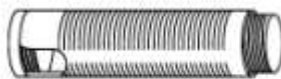


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Angelo Tagliacozzo received his doctorate in Geology from the University of Rome (Italy) in 1962. Thereafter, he worked in various positions as geologist, geophysicist, and hydrogeologist, which included assignments abroad, in the U.S., and with the United Nations. Angelo provided exemplary service to AIPG at the Section and National levels. He was a Northeast Section Executive Committee Member (1973- 1982), Vice President (1977-1978), President (1979-1980), National Advisory Board Delegate (1981-1982), and Screening Board Chairman (1984-1986). Angelo's dedication to and leadership of the Northeast Section Screening Board has become the ultimate standard against which service in such a position is measured. Angelo also served as an AIPG National Executive Committeeman (1982); he was a vigorous advocate of measures to increase professionalism. Angelo was (and will always be remembered as) a respected professional... and a friend to many.

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To: Kelly Weyer, Chairperson, ATMG Scholarship, Northeast Section, AIPG

From:

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Re: *I'm Taking the Pledge: 'M IN FOR 2026!*

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